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Reply

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following response to the Official Action of September 15, 2004. Amendments to the claims are believed to put claims in condition for allowance.

A petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action, along with the associated fee of \$450.00 (large entity), are enclosed herewith. No additional fee is believed to be due in order for the timely consideration of this Reply. If, however, the Commissioner determines that any additional fee is required for such consideration, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge any (Large Entity) fee required for consideration of this submission to Deposit Account 50-0548.

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.